Rural Infrastructure Development Fund

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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Rural Infrastructure Development Fund was established in 1995-96 to provide funds for the construction of projects for providing basic facilities in the rural areas;

(b) the total amount deposited in the fund upto March, 2003; and

(c) the amount of loan approved from this fund from 2000-2001 to 2002-2003 and the amount actually given?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ANNASAHEB M. K. PATIL): (a) Yes, Sir. The Rural Infrastructure Development Fund (RIDF) was launched in the 1995-96 with a view to meet the resource gap for creating basic infrastructure facilities in the rural areas.

(b) The total amount deposited to the Corpus Fund for RIDF upto March, 2003 (i.e. RIFE-I to RIDF-VIII) was Rs. 28,500 crore.

(c) The amount of loan approved from this fund during 2000-01, 2001-02 and 2002-03 and the amount actually given were as under:—

(Rs. in crore)

S.No.	RIDF	Year	Amount of loan approved	Amount of loan disbursed
1.	VI	2000-01	5479.27	2865.96
2.	VII	2001-02	5056.77	2142.20
3.	VIII	2002-03	6084.04	1333.12

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